

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A wall structure having an above ground wall, said wall structure comprising in combination:
 - a) a plurality of footings disposed at least partially in the ground at each end of said wall;
 - b) said wall including at least a lintel, each end of said lintels being located upon and receiving support at each end from adjacent ones of said footings to locate each of said lintels above ground and a plurality of courses extending upwardly from each of said lintels;
 - c) at least one tensioning rod extending upwardly from each of said lintels into at least some of said plurality of courses said wall; [[and]]
 - d) a post extending upwardly from each said footings; and
 - e) at least one further tensioning rod extending upwardly from within each of said footings and into the respective one of said posts footing and adapted for resisting tilting of said wall.

2. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 including a plate

disposed on each of said footings for supporting an end of said lintel.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein
~~including a post extending from each of said footings, said at least one further tensioning~~
~~rod extending upwardly into said post, each of said post posts includes~~ including a
vertical slot for receiving an end of said wall.

4. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3 including a plate
disposed on each of said footings for supporting said post and said lintel.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3 [[4]]
wherein an end of each of said lintels ~~lintel~~ extends into said slot of each of adjacent
ones of said posts ~~said post~~.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3
including at least one rebar disposed longitudinally within each of said lintels ~~lintel~~ and
grout for imbedding said rebar within said lintel and a lower end of at least one of said
tensioning rods ~~rod~~ within said lintel.

7. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said lintel
is generally C-shaped in cross section.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 [[7]] wherein said lintel includes a longitudinally oriented upwardly facing opening.

9. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 8 wherein at least one of said tensioning rods extend upwardly through said opening.

10-16. **(Cancelled)**

17. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of courses comprise concrete masonry units.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of courses comprise bricks having at least one passageway therethrough.

19-22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Currently Amended)** A method for constructing an above ground wall having a plurality of wall sections, said method comprising in combination:

- a) developing a footing at least partially in the ground at each end of the wall sections of the wall to be built;
- b) installing at least one tension rod to extend upwardly from each footing;

c) placing a plate on each footing;

d) building a post on each plate with blocks to provide a vertical cavity for receiving said the at least one tensioning rod and to provide a vertical slot for receiving an end of the wall section to be built;

e) placing a lintel on each of the plates to locate the ends of the lintel in the slots of the respective posts and above ground for supporting a wall section;

f) laying a plurality of courses upon the lintel to define the wall section, each of the courses extending into the slots of the respective one of the posts; and

g) installing a plurality of tensioning rods extending from within the lintel upwardly into the wall section in conjunction with ~~during~~ exercise of said step of laying.

24. **(Original)** The method as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying concrete masonry units.

25. **(Original)** The method as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying bricks.

26. **(Currently Amended)** A wall structure having an above ground wall, said wall structure comprising in combination:

- a) a plurality of footings disposed at least partially in the ground at each end of said wall;
- b) said wall including a lintel, each end of said lintel being supported

~~above ground on adjacent ones of receiving support at each end from~~ said footings and a plurality of courses extending upwardly from [[form]] said lintel;

c) at least one tensioning rod extending upwardly from said lintel into

said wall;

d) a post extending from a respective one of said plurality of footings for supporting an end of said wall, said post including a vertical slot for receiving the corresponding end of said wall; and

e) at least one further tensioning rod extending upwardly from within each [[a]] respective one of said plurality of footings into the respective one of said posts and adapted for resisting tilting of said post.

27. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 including a starter course disposed on the respective one of said plurality of footings for supporting an end of said lintel.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 including at least one rebar disposed longitudinally within said lintel and grout for imbedding said rebar and a lower end of said tensioning rod within said lintel.

29. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 wherein said lintel is generally C-shaped in cross section.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 [[29]]

wherein said lintel includes a longitudinally oriented upwardly facing opening.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 30 wherein each of said tensioning rods extends ~~extend~~ upwardly through said opening.

32. **(Currently Amended)** A method for constructing an above ground wall, said method comprising in combination:

- a) developing a footing at least partially in the ground at each end of the wall to be built;
- b) installing at least one tensioning rod to extend upwardly from each footing;
- c) building a post on each footing ~~with blocks~~ to provide a vertical cavity for receiving the at least one tensioning rod and to provide a vertical slot for receiving an end of the wall to be built;
- d) locating the ends of a lintel in the slots of the respective posts and upon the footings to locate the lintel above ground;
- e) laying a plurality of courses upon the lintel, each of the courses extending into the slots of the respective one of the posts; and
- f) installing a plurality of tensioning rods extending from within the lintel upwardly into the wall in conjunction with ~~during~~ exercise of said step of laying.

33. **(Original)** The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of

laying includes the step of laying concrete masonry units.

34. **(Original)** The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying bricks.

35. **(Previously Added)** The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of building includes the step of laying blocks.